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## **Delaware Horsemen Support Therapeutic Riding Programs**

On September 13, 2007, the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (DTHA) presented a check for \$1,250.00 to Therapeutic Riding at Carousel (TRAC) representatives. DTHA President Scott Peck, and Executive Director Bessie Gruwell said, "The DTHA Board is happy to support the TRAC programs and the disabled individuals TRAC serves." TRAC Executive Director, Carly White gratefully accepted the donation. White is a 2005 graduate of Wilmington College with a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science; she is also a certified instructor by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Electronic picture of presentation is available: [anne.fitzgerald@state.de.us](mailto:anne.fitzgerald@state.de.us).

TRAC is an organization that is committed to the goal of providing safe and beneficial therapeutic horseback riding to individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Their mission is to improve the well being of their students through equine assisted activities by encouraging them to set goals and providing them with the motivation to achieve those goals. Members of the TRAC Board are: Bernard J. Daney, President, Dr. Michael Barbieri, Vice President, James Paoli, Treasurer, Joseph Reda, Timothy Shelton, Michael Connor, James Chaikin, Bessie Gruwell, and John F. Wayne.

According to John F. Wayne, Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Racing Commission, DTHA's commitment to therapeutic riding programs extends beyond TRAC. He said, "Earlier in the month, DTHA also gave \$1,250.00 to the CENTER at C Line Stables in Townsend, Delaware for their program as well.

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From Left to Right: Michael Connor, Robert Merrill, Joseph Reda, Carly White, Bernard Daney, Scott Peck, Bessie Gruwell